THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN) : (a) and (b) Government have approved the foreign collaboration proposal of M/s. BMG Telephones Ltd., J&K with M/s. HYUNDAI, South Korea for the manufacture of Cordless Telephones.

(c) Production of cordless telephones is expected to commence during 1989-90. Cost of one set of cordless telephone is expected to be Rs. 2500/- approximately.

Implementation of Special Programme during the Seventh Five Year Plan

3053. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal by Government to implement a special programme during the remaining period of the 7th Five Year Plan for the development of agriculture ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether that programme is being implemented in Orissa ; and

(d) if so, the amount allotted so far to Orissa under the special programme ?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A strategy for achieving a foodgrains production target of atleast 175 million tonnes by the end of the Seventh Plan was worked out by an inter-Ministerial Task Force under the Planning Commission in March, 1988. This programme is being implemented during 1988-89 and 1989-90 also in 169 selected districts of 14 States. The strategy envisaged the identification and removal of constraints in the short-term which would enable the realisation of the potential for increased foodgrains production in specific areas. The major components of this programme are :

(*i*) Increased fertiliser use by 20 kilograms of nutrients per hectare.

(*ii*) Use of improved high yielding variety seeds.

(*iii*) Better management of weeds and timely control of pests and diseases.

(*iv*) Harnessing groundwater through tubewells, completing on-farm development works in command areas and completing the near completion irrigation projects and efficient use of the stored water.

(*v*) Enhancement of procurement activities through effective price support operations.

(*vi*) Increased flow of short-term and long-term credit. The Central Government provided financial assistance to the State Governments for implementing the Special Foodgrains Production Programme.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Special Foodgrains Production Programme Rice is being implemented in Orissa State as well. The amount allocated (Central share) to Orissa during 1988-89 under S.F.P.P. are given below :—

1. SFPP Rice—Rs. 151.39 lakhs
2. SFPP Shallow Tubewells/ Dugwells — Rs. 723.54 lakhs.